## Emergency Hospital Preparedness in New York City May 4, 2004



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## HRSA Funding is Essential to Hospital Preparedness

- HRSA funds are the only federal source of hospital funding for:
  - Infrastructure development and
  - Citywide and regional planning
- 80% of funds are spent on the medical care delivery system:
  - Public hospitals, private hospitals, primary care centers
  - Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
  - Poison Control Center (PCC)

Degree of emergency hospital preparedness is directly proportional to strength and funding of HRSA's hospital preparedness program

#### **Hospital Preparedness Activities in New York City**

2002 (YEAR 1): Hospital Infrastructure 3.3M + 2.5 (20% Yr2) = 5.5M \$75,700 / hospitals x 72
BT Coordinator
Heath Alert Network (HAN)
Connectivity
Communication, Decon Unit
Education & Training

2003 (YEAR 2): Planning between & assessment of hospitals, drills, infrastructure for EMS, outpatient centers, Poison Control Center 10.8 M total

\$750K X 4 Centers (24 hosp) \$50K X 71 hospitals \$150K FQHCs (25 centers) \$85K EMS (96 agencies) \$200K Poison Control Center (PCC)

2004 (YEAR 3): Add more Centers, integrate additional primary care centers, expand to all-hazards approach, strengthen linkages with public health agencies, providers and first responders

Awaiting 2004 HRSA Announcement and Guidance

### HRSA Funding Determines Emergency Hospital Preparedness

2005 funding increases (+)

2005 funding decreases (-)

Preparedness efforts progress (+)

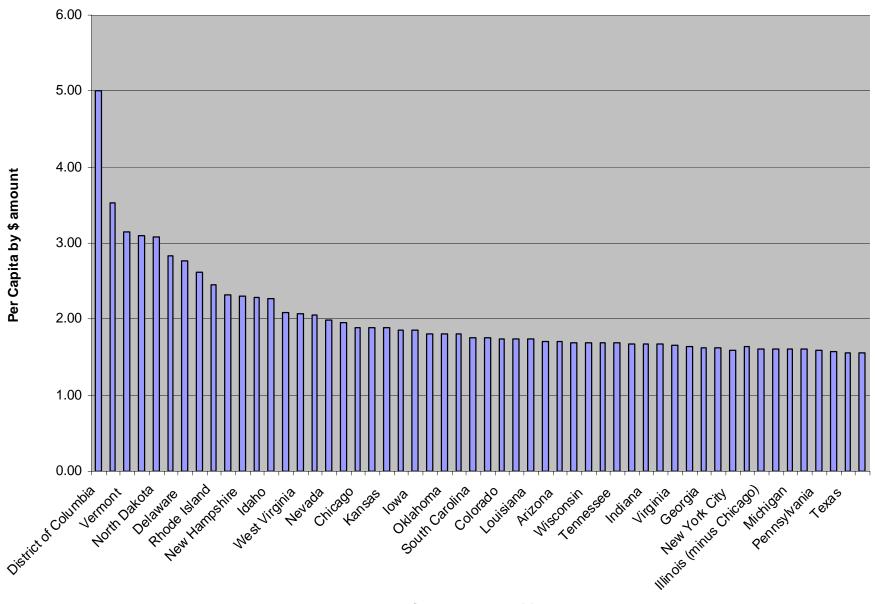
Preparedness efforts decline (-)

#### Maintaining Our Vision for Emergency Hospital Preparedness

We ask the Council to recommend to the Secretary that HHS should:

- Change the distribution of hospital preparedness funding from population-based to risk-based formula (The City receives only \$1.59 per capita versus \$1.71 nationally, ranking 45<sup>th</sup> out of 54)
- Increase HRSA funds for hospitals and medical care delivery system
- Support an all-hazards approach to emergency hospital preparedness
- Increase funding to augment and sustain linkages between public health agencies, providers and first responders

#### **HRSA Funding Per Capita**



**States and Localities** 

#### Maintaining Our Vision for Emergency Hospital Preparedness

The fifty states and four designated municipal entities need increased and risk based funding to provide:

- Documented standards of emergency hospital preparedness;
- A standardized definition for surge capacity building for all hospitals;
- Developed benchmarks for the wide range of medical providers outside of the public and private hospital system;
- Coordinated education and training projects across government and non-government agencies, public and private hospitals, universities, to prevent duplication of efforts

# Decrease in 2005 HRSA funding to medical care delivery system will result in:

- Gaps in infrastructure building;
- Less integration into citywide and regional planning;
- Limited sustainability of current infrastructure

#### Will NYC be Prepared?

Hospitals/Acute
Care Facilities

**Primary Care Centers** 

Emergency
Medical
Services/First
Responders



Public Health Agencies